



New ground, new era for Bergrers



Andrew Dettre

Like it or not, fans love imports

I agree with the current ASF policy that we must have a curb on the temporary-visa players joining our PSL clubs.

However, I am afraid that once again, the implementation of this policy may not be preceded by a thorough examination of the problem. The decision will be made by administrators, many of whom seldom if ever see a PSL match; they will simply settle on a quota number, say three or four, and hope that they are right.

I wonder if our permanently settled coaches will be consulted: the views of an Eddie Thomson, John Margaritis, Len McKendry, Willie Wallace, Rale Rasic and a few others sought?

I think they are in an infinitely better position to judge how many temporary-visa imports our top clubs need to maintain their standards, how and at what intervals the quota should be reviewed and reduced.

This is a sensitive issue which will need more than a

few linguistic and patriotic clichés.

Australia is a migrant country with a large ethnic (British and others) population. A very considerable proportion of the supporters at PSL level — some people claim over 80 per cent — come from this section of our community.

So that must be taken into consideration, too, before we begin slashing quotas and slamming doors on imports.

Everybody is ooohing and aahing about the superb crowds Olympic is drawing to its games. Hardly anybody dares mention that 80 per cent of its support comes from the enormous Greek community.

In 1978, for example, the Marconi v Olympic match drew a reported 5400 fans; the Olympic v APIA game 6751.

This year, both figures doubled... In the 1979 teams against Leichhardt and Marconi, Olympic had one player of Greek descent in Peter Raskopoulos.

A new era starts for Heidelberg-Alexander when it moves to its new ground at the Olympic Village in Heidelberg for the match against reigning national champion Sydney City Hakoah on Sunday.

President Sam Gouloupoulos is confident Heidelberg will follow up its 1-0 victory over arch-rival South Melbourne Hellas last weekend by knocking off the champion on its way to a possible league title triumph.

"We are the flagship of the Greek community in Melbourne after our victory over Hellas and that victory has given all the players the confidence they need to charge up the ladder," Gouloupoulos said.

"We should have beaten Hellas 4-1, and we'll beat Hakoah as well. Mark my words."

"Our match-winners will be Gary Cole, Jimmy Campbell and Theo Selemidis who turned the corner against Hellas."

Heidelberg's move to its new ground, in Catalina Street, Heidelberg, next to Northland shopping centre, marks the club's 25th anniversary.

It was in 1958 that Heidelberg-Alexander formed its first team, although the club itself was established in previous year.



Branko Buljevic wants the corner delivered to his right but Theo Selemidis is concentrating hard. He won't be fooled. Heidelberg beat Hellas 1-0. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Gouloupoulos said the move to the new ground would save Heidelberg \$51,000 a year. That was the amount the club had to pay for rental of Olympic Park last year.

Heidelberg sold its canteen rights for \$12,800 last week, and expects to make \$8000 from advertising signs around the pitch this year.

That figure will rise to \$12,000 in 1983. The club has spent \$70,000 on its new ground so far and expects to spend another \$130,000, mainly on cover for the terracing.

Turnstiles, a pavilion and a toilet block have been completed and the club also has social rooms at the new ground.

About 150 invitations have been sent out to VIP's, including parliamentarians and Heidelberg councillors, for the opening match.

Les must go to Spain

The World Cup in Spain presents the Australian Soccer Federation with an excellent opportunity to gain valuable information for its next World Cup attempt, in 1985.

But so far, the ASF has not said whether it intends to send national coach Les Scheinflug to the finals.

Surely, if federation officials are to be sent to Spain, the national coach must be sent also.

Scheinflug would be able to see the latest trends in world soccer, and make valuable contacts which should help him to line up meaningful preparation matches for his Socceroos over the next few years. — LAURIE SCHWAB

ITALY OUT

England, Italy and Rumania, finalists in the 1981 World Youth Championship, have been eliminated from the European Youth Championships.

The following 16 countries have qualified for the UEFA Youth titles to be held in Finland, from May 21.

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Few coaches in Australia have made as great an impact as Len McKendry in as short a time.

In three seasons as coach of Heidelberg-Alexander — interrupted by a stint with State League club Croatia — McKendry has established a strong reputation for the highly-organised, ball-playing style he has instilled in his team.

That reputation was born, though, during his three years as coach of the Victorian State team which was by far the best in Australia.

Victoria's results under McKendry were: 1979: 0-1 v. Wisla Krakow, 2-0 v. South Australia, 2-4 v. Norwich City, 1-0 v. Partizan Belgrade, 2-3 v. New York Cosmos; 1980: 2-1 v. Red Star Belgrade, 4-0 v. South Australia, 0-2 v. AC Milan, 1981: 1-1 v. Dinamo Zagreb, 1-2 v. New Zealand; 1982: 0-2 v. Hungary. Of the players he used in the State team, John Yzendoorn, Yakko Banovic, Alan Davidson, Tommy Cumming, Jamie Paton, Jim Campbell, and George Christopoulos went on to play for the Socceroos.

Under McKendry, Heidelberg won the PSL grand final in 1980 and was runner up in the league and Phillips Cup as well.

Returning from Croatia in round 16 of 1981, McKendry took over Heidelberg once more when it was one point from the bottom. The team ended the season undefeated in the last eight games to finish eighth.

McKendry, who refuses to divulge his age — he's probably around 40 — gained his English FA coaching badge in 1973. After doing coaching with colleges in Michigan, U.S., and working on coaching courses with the FA in England, McKendry received offers from Saudi Arabia and Australia, through Brian Green who then was coach of the Socceroos.

He decided on Australia, and arrived in 1976, to coach Marrickville in the NSW State League for two seasons, following which he was appointed Victorian Director of Coaching in 1978.

He held that position until 1980 but continued to coach the State team until he was dropped last week by the VSF, apparently over differences with some VSF officials.

As a player, he spent three seasons with Watford, playing mid-field and striker. He later played as a defender with Weststone in the English Southern League.

In this interview with LAURIE SCHWAB, McKendry discusses his philosophy of soccer, his players at Heidelberg, his views on the national coaching set-up, and he is merciless in his criticism of former national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

SCHWAB: Tell us about the circumstances surrounding your decision to quit your job with the VSF and take up the offer from Heidelberg.

McKENDRY: I always had said that I would do the VSF job for only two years because I was keen to get back into team coaching. If you let your competitive instinct die, then there's something wrong with you as a coach. Pat Bannon and Jimmy Rooney were Heidelberg's joint player-coaches following the departure of John Margaritis. Heidelberg had been chasing me for quite some time. So had Wollongong, but Heidelberg was more consistent in its

efforts, so I finally agreed to take over. When I joined, Heidelberg was second in the league and it was most important to maintain consistency for we were in the running for all three trophies. Their method of play had been adapted from that of the State team, because so many of their players were also in the Victorian side.

SCHWAB: What then, did you regard as your main challenge?

McKENDRY: To convince the players of the need for prolonged possession of the ball. They still were trying to play on the break a bit. Arthur McMillan and Pat Bannon were two who adapted particularly well to the possession play, even though neither was in my State team.

SCHWAB: How long did it take for you to finally perfect the style you were trying to implement?

McKENDRY: Well, it was there, but often only in spells. I think that despite a few recent setbacks, it's probably more consistent now than ever before.

SCHWAB: Your coaching style and your methods have been picked up by quite a few who did their coaching course under you, isn't that right? Let's take John Gardiner for example.

McKENDRY: I guess that's right. John does have the same beliefs, but you'd better ask him about that. It is true to say that many coaches tend to copy us and suffer by it because they don't understand the principles involved in our play.

SCHWAB: Then you had better describe the way Heidelberg plays.

McKENDRY: I believe soccer is a game of passing and supporting. It's important to make it as easy as possible for the man receiving the ball. And contrary to what some people claim, we do not play possession only at the back, but rather all over the field. We simply are a passing and supporting team, and we play to feet. While it sounds simple, it needs a lot of work and it requires intelligent players. Joe Piccone, who was in my State team, never understood it even after a long period. Many other players don't understand it either. It suits our team, but it may not suit others. I've never advocated that every team should play the way we do, but it's been successful for us. It's from Europe that I adapted it. West Germany and Holland are the biggest influence on my philosophy about soccer. The West German team that won the European championship in 1972 served to provide me with my apprenticeship. The work they did inspired me. I was very impressed with the support given by and given to those very well-known and well-respected players. That West German team is the best I have seen anywhere.

SCHWAB: You stick very rigidly to your playing style, but if you were to join a different club where you did not have players of the Heidelberg mould, what would you do?

McKENDRY: I'd have to change the style. I'd have to get the players doing what they are capable of.

SCHWAB: Your style first became evident in the Victorian State team, and it was successful for you there...

McKENDRY: Yes, even though I selected lesser-known players, like Yzendoorn, Tront, Short, Gilder, Paton, even Cumming who hadn't been a representative player previously. I chose all those because they could adapt to the style I wanted, and they were willing to work at perfecting it. I have explained so often that against top teams from overseas, you simply cannot afford to give the ball away. Otherwise you are made to pay for it. Gary Cole learned a lot of things within this framework. He now is as good a receiver of the ball as you will find anywhere.

SCHWAB: Some of the players emerged as stars after they had worked with you. John Yzendoorn for example.

McKENDRY: I saw him play on my first day in Melbourne. He was at Slavia then. What impressed me was the completeness of the player. After half an hour I couldn't believe that such a complete player was playing in this standard of football.

SCHWAB: Were you instrumental in getting him to Heidelberg? Isn't it a fact that you recommended him to the committee even before you became coach?

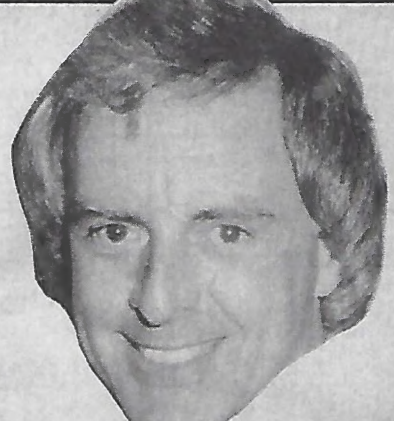
McKENDRY: I recommended Yzendoorn as well as Jamie Paton of Slavia and Yakko Banovic of Croatia.

SCHWAB: Has Yzendoorn improved even further in these past few seasons?

McKENDRY: I still say he is the most complete player in Australia, outside the best strikers. He has calmness under pressure, dedication of the highest order, application and he thinks deeply about the game. He's also two-footed and he's a magnificent tackler, he's an exceptional challenger in the air and probably the best passer of a ball in Australian soccer.

SCHWAB: Do you see Yzendoorn as being a permanent fixture in the national team, even after the so-called "tapes scandal" of last year, when Yzendoorn secretly taped a team talk by Rudi Gutendorf and allowed that tape to reach the hands of a press man?

McKENDRY: It would be catastrophic if Yzendoorn is not in the national team. The tapes incident must not be allowed to mar his international career. I believe it was done out of sheer frustration. I think he just felt frustrated, seeing our World Cup aspirations going down the drain.



Len McKendry — coach of Heidelberg-Alexander

SCHWAB: You mentioned Gary Cole earlier. Have you been able to improve his ball skills?

McKENDRY: Brian Green, the former national coach, thought Cole epitomised the Australian player — cumbrous, falling over the ball, that sort of thing. Gary perhaps suffered because we didn't get hold of him until he was 22 or so. However, now he is controlling and receiving the ball much better. Perhaps it's too late to make him as proficient at these things as Jamie Paton, for example, but I prefer talking about Cole's real strengths. He is No. 1 among the Australian strikers.

SCHWAB: Better than Marshall Soper of APIA? He's getting all the publicity at the moment.

McKENDRY: That's all he's doing. Cole is much faster — the fastest player in Australia. He's brave and he has awesome shooting power. His standard of control in the right areas is good enough for me. He does drift into playing flicks, which don't work for him, so he has to keep his practice up.

SCHWAB: Paton and Cole have been a dynamic duo in front of goal, but if a striker is judged on the goals he scores, Paton must be a disappointment to you so far this season.

McKENDRY: Yes, that's true. He hasn't been scoring. But we have solved that problem through Jim Campbell. I had anticipated it anyway. Gary went through a poor patch last season, during which Jamie scored the goals. Now that Jamie is down a bit, Gary and Jim Campbell are making up for it. I've been using Campbell in a freer role, further forward. One of the areas in which he was lacking early was his defensive application. We corrected that, but found he suddenly was putting too much into the defensive side of his game. We weren't seeing his explosive side in attack. Now we've pushed him further up to get him among the goals again. In that position, at this stage, Campbell is the No. 1 player in Australia. His work rate is tremendous, we have added endurance to his game and he now can dominate a match for long periods.

SCHWAB: Don Macleod arrived from England last season with the experience of having been captain of Nottingham Forest's second team, yet you kept him on the bench until this year's Ampol Cup, when he displaced Bob Provan. Why did it take so long?

McKENDRY: When he first arrived I saw Macleod as a disciplined person with a lot of character but he was yet another product of what I call the wastage of English football. He did not know what pressure was, he didn't know how to support the ball, how to hold a man without support, and he tended to dive in with his tackle. I felt that if he was exposed as a centre back in the PSL he could find it tough, so I introduced him slowly. He now knows where to attack the ball and when to be more patient.

SCHWAB: You negotiated with David Jones before he joined Hellas. Would it have been a choice between Jones and Macleod?

McKENDRY: Well, Jones impressed me and I felt if Macleod couldn't do the job, Jones would. I had felt for some time there was a weakness in the middle of our defence because we had conceded a large number of goals from crosses. I was looking for a mentally and physically more committed player.

SCHWAB: With Provan on the transfer list, won't you be left without cover for the centre back positions?

McKENDRY: Well, I couldn't afford to buy Jones after Macleod had proved himself. But, if an injury does occur, we can bring in a young player from the second team. I don't want to mention him just yet.

SCHWAB: The fact remains though that you do not have a big enough squad.

McKENDRY: You're right. I want to add to it very shortly, but I have to consider the financial aspect. I also have to be particular about whom we choose because of the style we play.

SCHWAB: What's holding up your recruiting plans?

McKENDRY: I'm waiting for the retained lists to be finalised in England and Scotland. I'll be making moves within a month. Then we'll work on recommendations from my contacts in England. I don't want another experience like the one we had with Joe McGrory and Liam Monagle who joined from Ireland last year.

SCHWAB: Looking to the future of Heidelberg, are you planning on replacements for the older players, like Jimmy Rooney and Arthur McMillan? And, in view of what you said earlier, are you looking at perhaps replacing Paton?

McKENDRY: Paton played well last year and although he's had a lapse, I feel he's turning the corner. As for Rooney and McMillan, I wish every player had their commitment. It's still hard to talk about replacing them but we'll have to do it eventually. I've got to look to a new midfield player anyway. Ideally, we should have a squad of 14 or 15, but we've got only 12 at the moment. Added players would have to work hard to fight their way into the team and they'd have to compete against Rooney and McMillan as well as against the other players. They'll have to prove they are better than the ones we have. In the meantime we'll be teaching them what we want from them.

SCHWAB: In your team, Rooney is in the play much less than he was with his previous clubs — Marconi, for example. Why have you given him this new role?

McKENDRY: I felt in the past he did a lot of unnecessary running, so in the State team, I made him a channel player on the left. He dominated the left side for me, and that's the role I give him at Heidelberg. That's what I tried to persuade Gutendorf to do with him. I used Campbell in the middle of the midfield be-

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State team Cup finals'

cause of his ability to link with Cole and Paton. Campbell really is a forward. In fact he was a winger with Oxford United in England.

SCHWAB: You must regard Jeff Oliver and Charlie Yankos as two of your biggest successes, because they are young players who have developed into top-liners.

McKENDRY: They are everything Australian soccer is all about. Both represented Victoria at under 16 and under 19 levels, both served their apprenticeships in the reserves and were slowly bled into the PSL after having learned their trade. It was delightful to have them in the State team against Hungary and it was disgraceful that they did not get the credit they deserved in that match. Oliver was faultless and Yankos also played well. I was proud of them. I must mention Jack Reilly for the amount of work he's put in on Oliver.

SCHWAB: Jimmy Rooney coached your second team last year. Is it a feeding ground for your PSL side?

McKENDRY: Well, Jimmy used the same principles of play, but it's a very physical league down there. What we should look at is producing perhaps one player a year. And of course that's part of the coach's job. You can't buy players forever.

SCHWAB: Which teams will be your strongest opponents in the run to the championship?

McKENDRY: It's a bit early to say. We needed a good start in the first six games and we managed to do that, but really, even JUST could win the title, it's so open. You can jump or fall four or five places with one result. Still, Sydney City will hit a very consistent streak and they'll be the biggest danger. They have very good players, with the experience of having won the title, which is very important. As for APLA and Olympic, we'll have to wait and see.

SCHWAB: Getting back to that Victoria v Hungary game, you reacted very angrily to Press criticism of that match. Why?

McKENDRY: I had taken pains to explain to the Press about how we should play. We played the same way against Red Star, which also was early in the year. There was minimal time for preparation, Hellas refused to release Laumets and Davidson and our physical condition wasn't what it should have been, because the players had been playing only 70-minute Ampol Cup games. We had to play a possession game, we had to play it slowly. I was criticised for having so many Heidelberg players in, but they always have been there.

SCHWAB: What about Don Macleod? He hadn't played all the previous season, and there was a feeling that Stuart Cannell of Ajax, who you called in against New Zealand when you were short of players late last year, should have been given another chance.

McKENDRY: OK, it was a toss-up between the two, and it came down to a matter of comparative form. On form, Macleod was better, he's physically stronger and at that stage of the season, he had done more hard training than Ajax had. Of course I always have wanted to use Steve Blair, but he was not available.

SCHWAB: You had Jack Reilly as the reserve goalkeeper ahead of Dennis Boland of JUST, even though Reilly has not played for ages.

McKENDRY: It was a simple matter of experience. What would have happened had we been forced to substitute the goalkeeper during the game? Who is more experienced than Reilly? He is in fact, the goalkeeper coach at Heidelberg. I think I saved Boland a lot of headaches. Had he come on in a tight situation it would have been very hard for him.

SCHWAB: Didn't you consider Boland at all as one of the two State keepers?

McKENDRY: No, Peter Laumets was the No.1 — very loyal, very under-rated — after having been reserve to Banovic. In two games for me he was faultless and he earned his place. Oliver had to be given a go because he is extremely talented and also young, and he did very well against Hungary. There has to be convention. How can players have faith in a system if it turns out there is no system?

SCHWAB: Many fans were clamoring for an all-star State team against Hungary. Why do you oppose all-star teams?

McKENDRY: Victoria had them for 100 years and almost never won a game. No-one, it appears, ever sat down and made a determined effort to have a successful State team. The 1972 German team formed the basis of the 1974 team that won the World Cup. Argentina has retained the nucleus of its 1978 team for this year's World Cup. I decided to have a set team and no-one can argue with the success we had, with the prestige we built up for this State, and with the amount of players we produced.

SCHWAB: As your Victorian players figured prominently in the national team last year, can you tell us how you see the national team situation at the moment?

McKENDRY: I'm still very bitter that Australia did not qualify for the World Cup. They should have walked in. The Victorian State team would have walked in! I've been critical of the New Zealand team in the past but I've got to praise the New Zealanders for the faith they showed in their players. They kept them together and had an effective team unit, which is what it's all about. Rale Rasic did the same in 1974 and he was successful as a result.

SCHWAB: Have you any criticism of Rudi Gutendorf?

McKENDRY: My criticism of him is never-ending.

SCHWAB: We'll get back to that. What about Jim Shoulder when he was national coach?

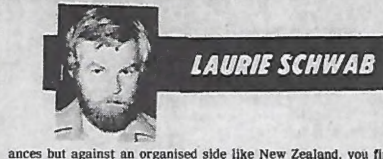
McKENDRY: Inexperience is what let him down. You can take these jobs too young. Perhaps he took over a side that was on its way out, as well. I am a far more experienced campaigner now than I was three years ago, for an apprenticeship in international soccer is separate from an apprenticeship in club soccer. With the experience he has had now, Jim Shoulder would be more successful if he had the national team today. You can't fault his soccer knowledge. He had a bit of bad luck too — like the missed penalty against Iran in Melbourne — but he did the best he could, which cannot be said about Gutendorf.

SCHWAB: It was open knowledge that you and Gutendorf did not get along. Why?

McKENDRY: He should not have feared me the way he did. Australia's best result was the 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia in Melbourne and nine of my State players were in his squad that time. Had he used my help more, we would have qualified for Spain. I'm sure.

SCHWAB: Were there any particular clashes?

McKENDRY: No, there were no cross words or anything like that but he feared me through certain players on whom he felt I had a big influence. Maybe he knew that they knew that he didn't know. I told him that part-time players couldn't match the pros in running power but that there were ways around that. If you played possession. But he just wanted to defend, so he went for man-to-man marking and abandoned midfield play altogether. He also played the classic Press game. If you use every player that the Press picks, you stay on the Press's side. If you don't, you alienate part of the Press. In the end he resorted just to wild clear-



LAURIE SCHWAB

ances but against an organised side like New Zealand, you find the ball coming back at you straight away.

SCHWAB: Did you aspire to the national coach's job?

McKENDRY: No, I was happy with my contract with the VSF at the time. But maybe he was worried that he wasn't getting as much attention in the Victorian Press as I was.

SCHWAB: Were you upset that Gutendorf used Tony Boggi and a few others as his Victorian right-hand men, rather than using you?

McKENDRY: No, not at all.

SCHWAB: Are there other reasons that Gutendorf regarded you as an enemy?

McKENDRY: Look, I had hours of enjoyable conversation with the man about life in general. There was no reason. I felt though, Victoria had a top team and we easily could have blended in the Starnes and Krncevics, but he had no intention of going along with me on that. Even Jimmy Campbell hardly could get a look-in at the time. Why? What's more, he took my players and actually tried to change their style even though they were being successful with a different style.

SCHWAB: How do you see the current situation with the national teams?

McKENDRY: I tried to select for the State team only players who could go on to play for Australia, or at least players who were able to develop further. NSW also adopted that policy. Now apparently we're trying to develop a full national team from the youth side, using the best of the younger players from the former Socceros. I agree with Les Schelfinger in that regard.

SCHWAB: But the Socceros have no games planned for this year.

McKENDRY: Well, it's hard this year because of the World Cup. Australia, though, should have played against Hungary, and there should be games after the World Cup.

SCHWAB: How will this lull in international experience affect us?

McKENDRY: It will leave us with only two years to prepare for the next World Cup. Time is valuable. You need all the time you can get. And we had a couple of games so far this year, there would be a shape to the team right now — something you could work on.

SCHWAB: What about your future? Can you see yourself as national coach?

McKENDRY: They'll never look to a Victorian. They seem to think the world stops at Wollongong. I like Australia as a place to live. Heidelberg wants me to sign a contract until November 1983 and I see that as my duty to them. I have loyalty to the club and I feel excited about what is about to happen. But I don't know about after 1983. The politics in Australian soccer depress me at times. We have Banovic, Krncevic and Kay playing overseas which proves we have the talent. Olympic has so many home-grown players, and they're being rewarded with big crowds. But we generally are self-destructive. The strong points are negated by that destructiveness. I wish we had the unity of the VFL. So, after 1983, I'll have to look at coaching overseas. I've gained a hell of a lot of experience and it's whetted my appetite. I look at what I've done with Victoria and Heidelberg and I'd like to do it all over again with someone else. Long-term however, Australia will be my home.

SCHWAB: Is there co-operation among coaches or do they tend to be jealous and afraid of each other?

McKENDRY: There are a lot of petty jealousies. We do tend to work in groups. As for fear, I don't understand the mention of fear of each other, or pressure for that matter. How can you talk about fear in an area you like being involved in? To me coaching is a stimulating challenge, not something to be afraid of. The best performers come out on top in pressure situations.

SCHWAB: What do you think is the standard of Press reporting about soccer?

McKENDRY: Their job is to report the news, but too many invent the news. We are in a business that badly needs promoting. A great percentage of soccer reporting is opinion, much of it misinformed. I would prefer it to be more accurate and more involved with promoting the game. The Press should try to understand that everyone involved is trying to do his best and that mistakes are not intentional. There are different styles of play and it's important that the Press in particular appreciates the differences. Don't let's criticise the coaches for using a style they feel is best for their team. The English Press has changed from being diplomatic to being sensational and they reinforce the popular belief that soccer is a game of exciting highlights just like the TV replays. That's not so. It's about tough physical clashes, crunching tackles, hard running and various different styles of play. JUST's style is effective for those players. What's wrong with Preston going to Newcastle and playing differently to the way they play at home? Good luck to them! What's wrong with Blacktown playing offside? It's in the rules, isn't it? Sides come to Melbourne intent on stopping Heidelberg, which is fair enough. We accept the challenge and try to break down the defence. Soccer is like a game of chess. You work out your moves carefully, through specially acquired skills. The Press, I feel, is not aware of all this. At least, they don't acknowledge it in print. Let's applaud the differences rather than decry them, and let's build this game up in a positive way.

SCHWAB: You've said that Heidelberg appears to be the most closely analysed team in the PSL. Why is that?

McKENDRY: I'm interested to know why. We actually play against sides that start copying us half way through a game. I read so much about how one side or another will stop Cole and Paton, and we tend to play against defences of six or eight men. It's all Cole and Paton, though. One day I'll tell you the real secret behind Heidelberg. That'll make a big story. Maybe we're analysed because our style is relatively new to the league.

SCHWAB: You mostly play against two markers on Cole and Paton, with a sweeper behind them.

McKENDRY: Yes, but Cole and Paton are coached with markers at their backs. That's no problem. They've come to terms with that.

SCHWAB: Unlike most other teams — with the exception of Olympic — you play the same way at home and away.

McKENDRY: Sure, what's the point in coaching players to do certain things when you ask them to do different things every second week when you play away? I don't see a need to change according to the opposition. Let the opposition do that if they want to. Liverpool, Holland and West Germany at their peak never changed their style. They went at opponents all the time. Here, however, even Sydney City changes when it plays against us. I don't see the need. They have so many good players.

Iron fist is needed

If the authorities don't start clenching an iron fist, it may become downright dangerous to be involved in Australian soccer.

In recent weeks we've seen referees and linesmen being besieged not only by angry fans but also by players and coaches, we've seen players fighting each other and even a club president fighting with a player.

Not only does all this give soccer a bad name and keep away spectators, but it also adds to the overall force in which soccer finds itself so much of the time. Witness, for example, the continuing idiocy of the PSL promotion and relegation system which I will go into more deeply later.

Firstly, I must say that I don't think sufficient security is provided for match officials, coaches and players at most grounds.

The situation is much worse in the State Leagues where police protection is not as diligent as in the PSL and where many grounds do not have fences to keep out the fans. I can see serious problems developing.

During last week's NSW Ampol Cup double-header at Marconi Stadium, we had stones and abuse hurled at us. I asked a policeman for help and he told me that he was having similar problems.

Now look at what happened during the Canberra v Sydney City match where there was a heated clash between a coach and a match official.

And there was not only a clash between a president and a player after the Footscray v West Adelaide match, but also a heated demonstration against referee David Yelland.

Be they good or bad, match officials deserve the most diligent protection. It's not good enough that such protection is provided by security personnel appointed by the clubs. That job should be handled only by policemen.

Like it or not, sport all over the world is being besieged by the violent element. It's a sad situation, but it has to be confronted.



RALE RASIC

trolled — be it by more police or even high metal fences which will once and for all keep the lunatic element away from the pitch.

The treatment given to the linesman during the Croatia v Blacktown Ampol Cup semi-final had to be seen to be believed. I admire him for having the courage to see out the match.

As for farcical elements in soccer — surely referees should take time out to study the rules of the various competitions before taking the field.

After our semi-final, some of our players went off to have a shower before the referee remembered about five minutes later that penalties should be taken.

The same thing happened at a Phillips Cup match between Canberra and Sydney Olympic in Canberra, which led to the match having to be replayed.

But getting back to security — it also would be appropriate to increase disciplinary action by the league against trouble-makers.

And among them I count players and club officials who become unruly.

Foul language for example should be stamped out on the

field. Such language can be heard all over the ground, and it certainly offends the women who dare to attend matches.

Such language should be greeted by the yellow card every time.

The butchers among our players also should be punished much more heavily. Sure, body contact is part of the game, but the hit men who set out to injure their more skilful opponents should be dealt with much more severely. At the moment, skill is not being protected in our soccer, and many players are getting away with murder.

But if players are expected to control themselves, club officials must set the example and make sure we don't have a repetition of the serious incidents of late.

An example of our poor disciplinary system was the case of the Sydney City player who, in front of the TV cameras, punched a Wollongong player, then made gestures to the crowd and tangled with an official of his own club after being sent off.

That player was fined \$500. It is not appropriate, in my opinion, to inflict monetary fines. The player should have been suspended for a long time.

Strong guidelines must be set down immediately.

These guidelines should cover not only discipline, but also should clarify the PSL promotion-relegation set-up.

What the PSL should do is draw up a list of all those clubs that never can be relegated and all those that never will be promoted, no matter how many championships they win.

At least it will be all out in the open then.

For example, the Adelaide and Brisbane teams, plus Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle appear to be permanent fixtures in the PSL — no matter how they finish in the league. West Adelaide should have been relegated twice, but was retained both times.

And so, it appears only Melbourne and Sydney clubs can be relegated — but not South Melbourne Hellas, which finished last one year but escaped the drop.

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Rasic gets re-al, Be! Park out, boost for Manly

Blacktown coach Rale Rasic successfully appealed against his team's defeat on penalties by Sydney Croatia in the NSW Ampol Cup last week and the federation ruled that the match be replayed tonight (Wednesday) at Marconi Stadium.

Rasic claimed that at the end of extra time, with both sides deadlocked, his players left the field and started to shower. He claimed that some four and a half minutes after the end of extra time was whistled, the Blacktown players were informed that they had to return to the pitch to take part in a penalty showdown against Croatia.

As we went to Press the matter was far from resolved. Croatia has appealed against the result of Rasic's appeal and the former Soccerero su premo may have the right of appeal against Croatia's appeal against the result of Rasic's appeal.

Not that the 1982 NSW Ampol Cup had held much appeal to the thousands of fans to whom games between reserve sides held no appeal.

I appeal to the NSW Federation to put an early end to the conjecture about Croatia's appeal so that this Cup of no appeal finally can appeal to everyone — by coming to a most appealing end.

D'Ottavi hits out

Bob D'Ottavi's name was synonymous with Adelaide City, until last week when he resigned as coach and John Perin took over.

which finally broke D'Ottavi's broad back.

"Let's just say that when you have a committee with such great experience and knowledge of soccer, unfortunately the only thing you can do is to resign," said D'Ottavi, obviously tongue-in-cheek.

"I've been with the club since Rale Rasic left a couple of years ago. It's no secret that 13 months ago we were \$500,000 in debt. In fact at one annual general meeting the members were told that we couldn't afford to run a PSL team the following year."

"I played a big part in putting the club into a stable financial position. In just 13 months we recovered from being in the red to being in the black. That's no small achievement."

"And last year we played the best brand of football in the country for a time."

"This year we continued to work solidly on the financial aspects of running the club. Which other club can boast that it signed a 20-year-old England youth international without having to pay a transfer fee?" he said, a reference to Adelaide City's recruit Neil Banfield who was England's sweeper in last year's World Youth Cup.

Banfield spent two days in Adelaide last year during the youth championships, talking with D'Ottavi about the possibility of joining Adelaide City — talks which obviously have proved fruitful.

Goalkeeper Willie McNally and defender Neville



John Perin — new coach of Adelaide City

Flounders also were signed this year. Like Banfield they joined without a transfer fee.

Just when it seemed likely that D'Ottavi once more could be at the helm of a squad rich in quality and depth, big stopper David Jones was sold to South Melbourne Hellas for \$15,000 and Mitchell left later.

"The problem I had was that the people on the sports committee didn't really support me," said D'Ottavi.

"The committee suggested to Mitchell that he go to Sydney to find a club. You can't do things like that. I told the committee that Mitchell was the only really top class striker we had. How could he be replaced?"

In view of this I had to resign. I'm happy in one respect that no one can say that I left Adelaide City in a worse state than when I came, although some of our supporters have very short memories."

D'Ottavi works for Adelaide City's main sponsor. The company will honor its commitment to the club but what's the betting that at the end of

this year, when the sponsorship comes up for renegotiation, the club finds itself searching for another major sponsor?

Manly for the PSL?

NSW State League club Manly Warringah had assembled its best first team for over 30 years.

That's what long-serving secretary and director George Dick told me and Aberdonians don't give praise lightly.

"We've relied a lot recently on local talent and it's starting to pay off," said Dick.

"We've been able to keep the side together from last year when we finished seventh in the league and John Dick was returned from Inglewood Klev in Western Australia."

"We'll go well. I fully expect the team to get into the top four and then go into PSL."

Dick explained that this year in particular finishing in the top four is crucial.

"The top four teams will go into a new regional competition next year if it is structured along the lines of involving Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and Sydney teams. Our federation decided last year that if this new league is formed then the top four sides in State League in 1982 will enter the league."

Manly Warringah is building a fully licensed social club on land adjacent to its Cromer Park home. When completed in September this year the value of the social club will be about \$250,000.

Mick Jones is Manly's coach, a position to which he was appointed mid-way through last season after previous coach Terry Stone resigned because he felt that he wasn't getting the full support of the committee.

Many first team players are local products. Their youth and exuberance is complemented by the skill and experience of Terry Smith who joined last year from Sydney City Hakoah in a swap deal involving Peter Vale, now in Hakoah's youth team.

For a team which finished fourth bottom in 1980, Manly Warringah certainly has come up in the soccer world in the past season and a half.

Morwell is relegated!

Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons has been dumped back into Metro First Division, Bell Park drops down into Second Division while top-of-the-table Third Division giant Thomastown is in Division Four!

That was the shock news given exclusively to "Soccer Action" late last week when we received the hottest piece of literature in Victorian soccer — the VSF year book.

We are unable to reveal the cloak and dagger nature of the manner in which we gained exclusive access to this year book and we believe that the tremors caused by its publication could shake the corridors and walls of Victorian soccer's headquarters in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

This shocking document reveals that Falcons still are a First Division outfit. Bell Park only won promotion to Second Division, not First Division, and Thomastown's jump out of the Provisional Leagues was not as high as first thought.

Slavia and Moreland have been relegated. They have played their past five league games in First Division but according to this soccer bible are really Second Division clubs.

As we went to press we expected a flood of protest from clubs playing opponents who shouldn't really be in the same

league. The situation could become chaotic.

The VSF was battling against time to publish another year book, which, hopefully, will put an end to the controversy.

Watch out for Rapid

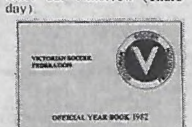
The Austrians are on the move in Tasmania.

Nothing to do with current world friction between England and Argentina, of course. Rather, I'm referring to Austrian-sponsored Rapid West Point which should fight out Cadbury's State League South championship with Juventus Pioneer, Olympia and Croatia Glenorchy.

The Croatians got a flying start to the year by winning the Michael the Tallor Cup, a particularly pleasing result for the Cup sponsor who also is president of Croatia Glenorchy.

But Rapid will take a power of beating in the race for the 1982 title.

The club boasts the biggest sponsorship in the State, about \$10,000 this year from Federal Hotels, and one UK import arrived late last week with another due tomorrow (Thursday).



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The new VSF year book — shocking document

Steven Craven, a 22-year-old from Gusbrough, Town in England's Northern Premier League, arrived last Friday and former Newcastle United and Darlington defender David Crosson, 30, flies in tomorrow.

Crosson must be one of the most versatile players to come to our shores. He's equally at home in midfield or in goals!

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WA off to Indonesia

The energy-sapping humidity of North Sumatra and the fervor of 30,000 screaming Indonesian fans doesn't scare recently appointed West Australian state coach Hugh Miller.

The affable Scot's been through it before. In 1976, when he played a part in the triumphant W.A. side which won its second successive MARA Malim tournament.

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest was State coach then and Miller was W.A.'s sweeper.

Miller's playing career in the west started in the early 60's and continued until the mid-70's. It involved stints with W.A. giants Azurri,



AROUND AUSTRALIA with CRAIG MACKENZIE

a short spell with now defunct North Perth.

The Mara Halim tournament in June could make or break Miller as State coach.

"I think it's important for the lads to get a result in the Mara Halim, not just for my situation but for soccer in the west," he said.

"Sure, if we do well I'd expect my contract as State coach to be extended."

Miller was appointed ahead of former Soccerero Jimmy Pearson and last year's State coach Mike Leigh.

Pearson played in the 1965 World Cup qualifying series alongside current Soccerero boss Les Scheinfeld. In all, Pearson made eight appearances for Australia, five in full internationals.

Miller's provisional state squad for the Mara Halim is: Tony Witschke, Howard Franz, Steve Snell, Matt Pearson, Mark O'Keefe, David Miller, Seville Elliott, Dennis Milenkovic (Dalmatian), Saverio Madashi, Savro Iozzel, Ronnie Campbell, Tony Falcone, Paul Tombides, Steve Tombides, Frank Farane (Azurri), Paul Drury, Steve Callaghan, Arthur Sharp, Duncan Hill (Olympic), Jim Davis, Paul Middleton, Andy Dixon (Macedonia), Lee Currie, Graham Crampton, Aldo Tricca (Tricolore), Norrie Sutton (Inglewood Klev).

Still in the west, the big name player who arrived recently to take up a two year contract with Athens is none other than Scottish goal machine Ted McDougall.

Born in Inverness, the former Liverpool, Manchester United, Southampton, West Ham, Norwich, York City and Bournemouth striker isn't exactly setting the west on fire as yet.

To be fair to McDougall he's playing with a mediocre outfit, but he hasn't been the draw card which Athens led anticipated.

Meanwhile, George Cross and Melita fans would remember another top goal scorer in Nicky McCullum.

McCullum came to George Cross in the late 60's and played there for a few seasons before transferring to Melita Eagles in Sydney.

From Melita he moved to the west where he played with Tricolore, Klev and Olympic before retiring about a year ago.

Like McDougall, McCullum comes from Inverness in Scotland and as that's my home shire in the old country I'm pleased to say that the big Scot's doing very well for himself.

He's married now and is the manager of Umro's W.A. branch.

Yugoslavs for Beograd

Serbian-sponsored Beograd, in the South Australian State League, is bringing two Yugoslav players here.

Radoslav Barisic, a 28-year-old stopper formerly on the books of First Division Rijka, due soon. Barisic has played with Tulsa Roughnecks in the North American Soccer League for the past two seasons.

He came to South Australia two months ago to visit his uncle and Beograd was quick to sign him.

Hot on Barisic's heels should be Dusan Ruzmarin, captain of a Second Division Slovenian club.

Beograd general manager Milan Lukovich rates Ruzmarin as one of the best midfielders to be seen in South Australia.

Ruzmarin should be here at the end of May and I'm sure he'll make a big impact on the local scene," said Lukovich.

"Our search for players won't end there. We will be looking for a defender, midfielder and another forward to complete our squad. Then we will have the best team in the State League and I'm confident that we can win the championship."

Beograd's player payments and signing-on fees are among the highest in State League.

Leane, to boost Beograd's league campaign.

General manager Lukovich sees his clubs which discussed the possibility of amalgamating in order to field a PSL team to 1977. Lukovich met with officials from Port Adelaide, Polonia and Lion to talk about the formation of a club to be called AdelaideUnited.

The four clubs couldn't agree on the deal, but it was argued that almost \$200,000 would be needed to field a side in the PSL. He claims that the officials from the other three clubs were negotiating needing a mere \$75,000.

The proposed amalgamation failed.

Six years later Beograd may find itself in PSL company under its own steam.

Pagen shows his strength

George Pagen's his own man. His path toward a prestigious PSL coaching job won't be easy but you can't help feeling that he'll get there in the end.

He could have been there already. On countless occasions. But he consistently has refused offers from Brisbane City in recent years.

He's an ambitious man but he wants to do it his way, which means nurturing a developing club, pushing, prodig, encouraging, until the club can stand on its own feet and almost demand of our administrators a place in the PSL.

That's the path Pagen hopes to tread with Queensland State League newcomer Nambour.

Pagen came here 17 years ago after playing as a full back with Scottish club Hearts.

He became Queensland state coach in 1974, a position he held for three years.

He also was coach of Brisbane Lions in those pre-PSL days and won three successive league championships for the club.

I came as a shock to Pagen when Lions felt that he didn't have the quality to coach in the PSL.

That judgement prompted him to join Grange Thistle in the State League.

The brains trust at Lions must have been red-faced as Thistle captured every major honor in Queensland over a five-year period under Pagen's guidance.

Thistle was knocking on the PSL door just over a year ago but its financial bubble burst in a big way last year. So much so that Thistle was forced to join an exodus of clubs from State League faced with mounting travel and accommodation costs.

It was a bitter money at the time, as were some players. The club simply seemed to have lost its drive to go PSL," said Pagen.

Left Grange Thistle last December and the prospect of joining a new State League Club like Nambour was very inviting. In fact, in monetary terms, my three-year contract with Nambour is as good as most coaching contracts in the PSL."

Not that money matters that much. Pagen's a successful insurance broker and real estate consultant.

Nambour has taken a big leap, out of the Sunshine Coast Soccer Association into State League.

The club's still disappointed that the SCSA didn't pool its resources and enter a composite club in State League but determined that the chance to step up to higher competition shouldn't be lost. Nambour Reds decided to go it alone.

Well, not exactly alone. You see there are the three millionaires supporting the club and Nambour's Yandina Sports Complex is valued at about \$250,000. It consists of plush clubrooms and four pitches.

The club will employ a professional fund raiser and local radio station 4NA is promoting all of Nambour's home games and social functions.

It probably will cost close to \$100,000 to run the club this year and Pagen is optimistic about Nambour's future.

"I predict that this year's State League champion will be 28 points out of a possible 36. Our target is 24 points."

"The Sunshine Coast is the biggest growth area for soccer in Australia and if we do well in confidence that within three years we will be a front run-

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RISTOVSKI RETURNS

Mendo Ristovski, the former Soccer forward, has returned to Footscray JUST from State League club Juventus.

By
Laurie Schwab

The deal was finalised on Saturday and Ristovski is expected to play against Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Ristovski, who came up through the J.U.S.T. Juniors, showed brilliant form early in his career, playing alongside Branko Buljevic.

He joined Juventus for \$10,000 two seasons ago, after playing for a short time for South Melbourne Hellas.

Meanwhile, J.U.S.T. still is awaiting the arrival of striker Vlado Pligjevic, a former Red Star Belgrade player.

Slobodan Jovanovic and Zdravko Lujic still are suspended and unavailable for the match against Brisbane City.

But Dennis Boland may return after missing the victory over APIA due to injury, and Suleiman Curovic and Bruno Cozzella also are fighting hard to overcome injuries.

Brisbane City suffered another heavy defeat at the weekend but it would be a mistake for J.U.S.T. to expect an easy time on Sunday.

Willie Conner, Barry Keiso and Joe Palukas are more than capable of tearing any defence apart, so J.U.S.T.'s best policy would be to regard this game as yet another encounter with the league leader.

If the defence remains as tight as it was last week, and if Milan Kojic holds his brilliant form, J.U.S.T. should climb a little further away from the relegation zone.

The sport of karate is having an unexpected impact on the performances of glamour club Sydney Olympic.

Both John Katholos and Gary Phillips are quite hands at karate, and in fact John's brother has gone as far as a black belt.

"I can't help noticing how disciplined the pair are — perhaps it is due to the control that karate teaches them."

Young Phillips is proving the fact of the Phillips soccer League season after coming down from the NSW north coast resort town of Coffs Harbour only two months ago.

It is yet to be proved whether he packs a dangerous shot, but his ability to outpace opponents over short distances and set up goals is unquestionable.

"Originally I wasn't sure that I had gone to the right club, but now my misgivings have disappeared," Phillips confessed.

"Doug Collins is prepared to give youngsters a go, and I certainly have received my chance to show what I can do."

Olympic should hold top place on the ladder by beating Brisbane Lions but it won't be easy, for Brisbane clubs have a decided home ground advantage and Billy Williamson and Ron Millman are among the most dangerous forwards in the league.

Alan Davidson should return to the South Melbourne Hellas team after injury against St. George Budapest in Sydney on Sunday, and Hellas desperately needs a victory to restore the players' confidence.

They haven't won for four weeks.

Saints have had much better luck — luck they have earned through hard work. Witness the tremendous fight-back last week against Wollongong, after being two down.

Good to see young Robbie Slater doing so well in the Saints' attack. Coach Frank Arok certainly has an eye for talent.

Frankston midfielder Carl Holford trained with Hellas this week (?).

Jovan Djordjevic returned to the Marconi team after injury last week, and he should get better and better, so too should Dubravko Ledic, the former Velez Mostar captain.

In other words, Makedonia will have to show much more than it did in its 2-1 victory over Adelaide City.

George Todorovski is likely to be out again, and Alan Whittle also is in doubt. That means coach Peter Ollerton may use himself from the

start, and Makedonia will be looking to him to score match-winning goals once again if Doug Brown is marked close.

That marking job probably will go to the tenacious David Skeen.

Despite the return of Joe Senkalski, Newcastle remains in the horrors with little hope of beating West Adelaide whose coach Alan Vest knows the Newcastle players inside out as he coached them for four seasons.

With Manecas back, West Adelaide has the strength in attack to return to Adelaide with both points.

APIA, like South Melbourne Hellas, hasn't won for four weeks, and it's difficult to see the former league leaders reversing that trend against Canberra at Bruce Stadium.

With Ian Purdie and Terry Byrne back, and George Christopoulos adding strength to the midfield, Canberra is improving its team work from week to week and of course, has dynamic forwards in Tony Brennan and Ian Gibson.

Adelaide City showed marked improvement against Makedonia, and John Perin is working hard at improving the confidence of his players, but it's very difficult to reverse a losing streak, especially against another desperate side.

Wollongong must fall into that category, even though it has had a fine run lately, as there aren't many points between the teams in the bottom half of the ladder.

Wollongong should win, as mighty defenders Chris Dunleavy and Arno Bertogna have the strength and application to blot out the Adelaide City attack.

IN MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG v Sydney City Hakoah at Olympic Village, Heidelberg, Sunday, 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
St. George v South Mel-

bourne Hellas (draw) at St. George Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

Marconi v PRESTON MADEDONIA at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE Newcastle KB v WEST

ADLAIDE at International Sports Centre, Saturday, 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA CANBERRA v APIA Leichhardt at Bruce Stadium, Monday, 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at

Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE Adelaide City v WOLLONGONG at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

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2	(1) APIA-LEICHHARDT	3	1	0	9	6	3	1	1	10	5	19:11	14
3	(4) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	3	1	1	8	3	3	0	2	8	6	19:9	13
4	(3) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	4	0	1	8	3	1	3	1	7	9	15:12	13
5	(7) Preston-Makedonia	3	2	1	11	4	1	2	2	5	6	16:12	12
6	(8) Heidelberg-Alexander	3	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	5	4	13:9	12
7	(5) South Melbourne Hellas	3	2	1	10	4	1	2	2	8	9	18:13	10
8	(6) Brisbane Lions	2	1	2	12	8	1	3	1	6	6	16:14	10
9	(9) West Adelaide Hellas	2	2	1	9	4	0	4	1	6	8	15:12	10
10	(10) Marconi-Datsun	3	1	1	10	5	1	1	3	2	7	12:12	10
11	(11) Wollongong	2	1	2	8	10	2	0	3	5	10	13:20	9
12	(12) Canberra City	2	1	2	8	7	0	3	2	6	11	14:18	8
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14	(13) Brisbane City	2	3	0	9	6	0	5	1	19	10	10:25	7
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PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

LOWNDES (1)
(Bris. Lions)

RUSSELL (1) PATIKAS (1) KONDARIOS (1) P. STONE (3)
(Adel. City) (Syd. City) (J.U.S.T.) (St. George)

H. TREDINNICK (1) HENDERSON (2) ILIOSKI (2) ADAM (1)
(Newcastle) (Marconi) (J.U.S.T.) (Wollongong)

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WOLLONGONG 2 (Stogogna, Gaffney) St. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Stone, Slater) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Kunt Werner:

6. Stone (St. G), 5. Adam (Woll), 4. Slater (St. G), 3. Tredinnick (Woll), 2. Ratcliffe (St. G), 1. Vardereff (Woll).

PRESTON MADEDONIA 2 (Ollerton 2 Incl pen) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyskohus pen) at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Russell (AC), 5. Northcote (AC), 4. Petrovski (Mak), 3. McMillan (Mak), 2. Doda (AC), 1. B. Nyskohus (AC).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Licata) at Richlands. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Henderson (Marc), 5. Bennett (BL), 4. Calderon (Marc), 3. Niven (BL), 2. Lowndes (BL), 1. Bozanic (Marc).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Stmic, Kojic) at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Ilioski (JUST), 5. Kojic (JUST), 4. Kondarios (JUST), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. O'Reilly (JUST), 1. Hazabent (JUST).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (J. Campbell) at Middle Park. Votes by Peter Deslar:

6. J. Campbell (H'berg), 5. Xanthopoulos (Hellas), 4. Nicolaidis (Hellas), 3. Yanikos (H'berg), 2. Rooney (H'berg), d1. Solemidis (H'berg).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 4 (Patikas 2, Murray, Fletcher) NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Ted Simmons:

6. Patikas (SC), 5. H. Tredinnick (N), 4. Watson (SC), 3. Kosmina (SC), 2. Murray (SC), 1. Gemmell (N).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (Kousas 3, Katholos, Rowden) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Preston Park. Votes by Roger Dawick:

6. Redfern (SO), 5. Katholos (SO), 4. Kousas (SO), 3. Phillips (SO), 2. Resko-poulos (SO), 1. Conner (BC).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Manecas, Brown) CANBERRA CITY 2 (Purdie, T. Byrne) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Meno Toudis:

6. Heys (WA), 5. McGachey (WA), 4. T. Byrne (Can), 3. Christopoulos (Can), 2. Milovanovic (*Can), 1. M. Brennan (WA).

Leaders:
42 Katholos (SO)
35 McGachey (WA)
34 P. Stone (St. G)
28 Redfern (SO)
27 Nyskohus (AC)
26 Dunn (WA), Bradley (APIA)
24 Soper (APIA)
23 O'Reilly (JUST), Boyle (Mak), Marton (St. G)
22 Yeandorn (H'berg), Raskopoulos (SO), T. Byrne (Can)
20 J. Campbell (H'berg), Brown (Mak), Bennett (BL)
19 Egan (SM), Conner (BVC), Vardereff (Woll)
18 Ilioski (JUST), Petrovski (Mak)
17 Bertogna (Woll)
16 Honeyman (WA), Calderon (Marc), Kosmina (SC)
15 Heys (WA), G. Campbell (SM), Lowe (Newc), R. Wilson (Mak), Barton (St. G), Williamson (BL), Robertson (SC), Adam (Woll).

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Let's have import tariff scheme

From page one

This year they had Jim Ziras, Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholosos and Mark Koussas — four who whom the Greek supporters can identify. (A fifth, Danny Moulis, is out injured).

The present Olympic management, led by the very able John Constantine, at long last showed sufficient intelligence in building a team its fans want to follow.

But remove these four talented boys with a Greek background... and see the crows plummet. (For heavens sake, don't really do it...)

Another aspect of this vexed problem is: can Australian soccer be built entirely on Australian-born players? Are we getting enough talent through the ranks to improve our standards?

We all know about the exciting crop of young talent which has surged to the surface in the past couple of seasons: the Hunters, Katholosos, Blairs and others.

But is there enough of them for 18 PSL teams and could they survive without occasionally being propped up by these controversial imports?

Whatever the ASF does decide, it must be careful not to allow the PSL standards to drop.

If soccer is part of the entertainment business, we must ensure that the teams do not entertain.

And if a Marton, Bradley, Vieri, Referra, Paton, Williamson and others can improve

the entertainment quotient of the game, it would be a risky proposition to ban them.

My unsolicited advice to the ASF is: don't act emotionally but examine the whole of the problem from all angles and consult those club officials and coaches who really are in the know.

The ASF must protect home-grown talent; it must also aim, in the long-run, at the "Australianisation" of the game. But it must also protect soccer interests in the short term. An intelligent compromise based on knowledge is needed.

And while on the subject, let me dust off one of my pet suggestions.

Why not introduce a tariff protection and import duty on temporary-visa players, whether the quota be three, four or five?

If a club really feels that a top overseas player would be an asset, let it be the judge, not an inflexible ASF rule.

At the same time, let that club contribute towards our junior coaching programs and development by paying an import fee into a special kitty; say \$500 for the first, \$1000 for the second and \$1500 for the third imported player.

The onus would be on the clubs to make sure that what they do import is quality and would end the invasion of the "dime a dozen" rubbish.

Sir Arthur George is known to be a master of compromise; let's hope he can persuade his



St George's Des Marton — one of the PSL's star imports

executive members once more to act sensibly, constructively and without the apparent paranoia which has been clouding this issue for so many years.

Campbell wins it, Xanthopoulos hurt

SM-Hellas 0 Heidelberg 1

Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: 8,000 estimate. Referee: Mellings. Caution: Evans, MacLeod. Hellos: Laumets 7, Nicolaides 8, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Stevenson 6, Shirra 6, Campbell 6, Egan 7, Evans 6, Buljevic 6.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 6, MacLeod 6, Yankos 8, Rooney 7, Salamida 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 8, Cole 6, Backas 6 (Paton 62nd).

A goal out of the blue by Jim Campbell sparked this match into an exciting finish and made the players forget the unnecessary needle that crept in following an injury to Arthur Xanthopoulos early in the proceedings.

Campbell, moved to the front running position that had brought him five goals prior to this match, received a harmless looking pass from Jimmy Rooney then turned under pressure to catch Peter Laumets unaware with a shot from the edge of the area for the goal that settled the 11th league derby between the two Melbourne Greek clubs.

The match produced a good number of goalmouth incidents but probably seemed all too predictable for the regular followers of both clubs.

Both sides have been together for nearly three years and even allowing for the mild surprise of Jamie Paton being relegated to the subs' bench, it was hardly the settling for something vibrant or unexpected.



Peter Desira

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry almost agreed on the predictability angle in the lead-up to the match, saying he probably had reached the limit as far as coaching goes with the current crop of players.

He is frustrated that there has not been a new buy at the club for over three years although he realises the club's perilous financial situation.

McKendry can claim to have developed players like Jeff Oliver, John Yzendoorn, Paton, Charlie Yankos, Theo Selenidis and even Don MacLeod but he says that it's impossible to produce a squad of "15 home-grown" players and that some must be bought.

The fact that the two teams know each other so well probably contributed to the early head-hunting.

The game had produced only two shots at goal before Xanthopoulos had to leave the field to have three stitches inserted to the back of his head after an aerial clash with MacLeod.

But the sweepers returned within seven minutes to play a leading role for Hellos and even had two headers which

went narrowly wide in his up-field sorties.

MacLeod, Heidelberg's iron man at the back had a day-long tussle with Alan Evans and both ended the day in referee Stuart Mellings' book for separate offences.

Mellings took a surprisingly lenient attitude to a number of fouls and took a long time to stamp his authority on the players.

Heidelberg had the better chances in the first half.

A Campbell and Rooney move ended with the latter's shot turned away for a corner, Cole set up Campbell for a shot which was well saved and Cole himself shot wide from another move.

Hellas's responses were a long range effort from Jim Shirra, a George Campbell shot over the bar and a John Stevenson volley which went wide.

Young fullback Socrates Nicolaides, living on borrowed time until Alan Davidson's return, had a field day, completely blotting out Andy Borikas and also offering himself for a number of over-lapping runs.

Borikas' only worthwhile contribution was an exchange with Cole which ended with him shooting wide in the 48th minute.

Hellas stepped up the pace after conceding the goal but most of its attacks were easily repelled and it was Heidelberg which had the best chance when Rooney sent Cole galloping away in the 78th minute only for Laumets to come out to save bravely at the striker's feet.



Jimmy Rooney

Slater saves the Saints



Knut Werner

Wollongong 2 St. George 2

Scorers: Wall: Bertagna, Gaffney; St. Geo: Stone, Slater. Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd: About 8000.

Referee: Tony Baskovic. Caution: Bertagna, Fortana, Viarra, Cotton (W), J. O'Shea (St G).

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8 — Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 7, Vliastro 7, Bertagna 7, Gaffney 7, Adam 5, P. Treddinick 8 — O'Connor 7, Cotton 7, Fontana 8.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 7 — Sloan 8, Ruskoff 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Barton 7, Stone 9, J. O'Shea 7 — Slater 8, Wilkinson 7 (Duarte 85th), Marton 7.

St. George staged a remarkable recovery to wipe out a two goal deficit and earn a well deserved draw against Wollongong at the Wollongong Showgrounds.

The home team looked set to increase its recent winning streak to five in a row when it built a healthy two goal lead by half time.

The Wolves played inspiring soccer in the first period but after the break their composure fell abruptly.

The Saints, who had looked well and truly beaten, pushed more men into the attack and saved the game with goals by Peter Stone and Robert Slater.

For the Wolves coach Ken Marton the second half reverse was the result of "lack of discipline by the players" and blasted some of his men "for not trying hard enough".

Morton, however, gave credit to the Saints "who never lost their heads when two goals down".

The match was marred by some rough tackling.

The first half was all Wolves as Roy Cotton, Peter Treddinick and Glen Fortana cut the right side of the Saints' defence to pieces.

In the 13th minute the Wolves drew first blood when a Lee Adam throw-in was headed goalwards by Cotton for goalkeeper Mike Fraser to fumble the ball. Defender Arno Bertagna was at hand to shoot home.

Two minutes later the Wolves scored again when Cotton twice beat David Skeen, pushed the ball wide for Treddinick, whose far post cross was magnificently headed into the net by Larry Gaffney.

The Saints replied with a shot by Des. Marton that was saved by Natch Vardareff, but the Wolves were creating the best chances.

In the second period the Saints woke up to their responsibilities and winger Slater began to create panic in the Wolves' defence with his dribbling.

In the 14th minute Peter Skeen pulled one back for the Saints and a few minutes later Marton rocked the cross-bar with goalkeeper Vardareff beaten.

On the half hour the Saints' pressure was rewarded when Slater slammed in the equaliser after a low cross from the left by Mark Barton.

MARCONI BLASTED BY JOE GILROY

Marconi 1 Bris. Lions 0

Scorer: Licata (65th). Ground: Richards Stadium. Crowd: About 1400. Caution: Lodic (Mar). Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

LIONS: Lowndes 8, McSkinnings 6, Bennett 8, Ferris 7, Niven 7, Hogg 6, Maclean 7, Burns 6, Williamson 6, Daunt 6 (Low 60th 6th, Millman 7).

MARCONI: Maher 7, Djordjevic 6, Budini 7, Henchings 8, Praskala 7, Calderon 8, Lodic 6, Bozanic 7, Picioles 6 (Vieri 65th 6th, Hunter 6, Licata 7).

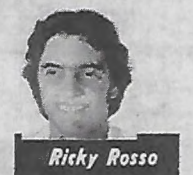
The biggest talking point in the clubhouse after Marconi had beaten Lions 1-0 last weekend was the weather... and in fact it is the most interesting thing I can find to write about the match.

It began in brilliant summer sunshine which made for humid, hot conditions which just might have been the reason why the two teams decided not to play entertaining football.

But then that excuse doesn't hold, for later in the match a storm blew across and dropped the temperature by about five degrees.

It would have been nice to think as semi-professionals and entertainers they could have put on some kind of show to give the paying public value for money. Lions' crowds are markedly down this year and matches like this one will do nothing to bring the fans back.

Lions started the match quite well and put together some determined attacks on the Marconi goal. But whether it was good goalkeeping from Allan Maher or sturdy defence



Ricky Rosso

from Tony Henderson or just sheer frustration from playing against a team that didn't really want to win, Lions' game slipped with each minute.

The slide continued to such an extent that it prompted Lions coach Joe Gilroy to say in the dressing room afterwards: "Marconi were a disgrace to the Phillips League. They dragged us down to their level, then we went even lower. So where does that put us?"

Lions should at least be given credit for trying to do things but such was the lack of their application and concentration that in the first half they probably passed more balls to Marconi than they did to their team-mates.

And that was lucky for Marconi, as apart from Henderson, Calderon and Bozanic the rest of the team would have won few balls themselves.

For much of the game the match ran to a pattern which was so predictable it was boring.

Lions would play several short passes through midfield. Burns to Maclean to Hogg and Hogg to a pattern which would knock a long high ball into the penalty area.

Henderson would either out-jump Daunt and clear it or the lanky striker would get a touch which more times than not would fly anywhere but if it went to a player, say Williamson, he would twist and turn on the edge of the box, be dispossessed and Marconi would boot the ball as far downfield as possible.

That kick was the signal for the Marconi forwards to get into position. Ian Hunter would stand next to Niven, Renato Licata would get ready to chase like a greyhound but would always know Col Bennett would get the ball in the end, and Joe Picioles would hide.

The goal came only when Hunter decided to move away from Niven. He picked up a long ball, turned, ran at and beat the Soccer League fullback, then crossed to the far post where Licata as usual was running in.

But this time there was probably a mix-up between Lowndes and Ferris and the nippy Marconi forward slipped in between the two to head the winner.

Lions then attacked in desperation for an equaliser and pushed sweeper Bobby Ferris forward and played with three defenders, a tactic which has worked in past games.

It worked to a certain degree again this time and Lions had six clear chances in the final 25 minutes but the finishing was woeful and Millman, Williamson, Low, Hogg and Ferris all could have got the equaliser.

Gilroy hinted after the match that the time had come to make changes to his squad but one thing is for certain, he will have to do something before the clash with Olympic this weekend.



Hellas left back Bertie Lutton (right) challenges for a header at Middle Park on Sunday. At right Hellos captain Alan Evans is under pressure from his constant "shadow" Don MacLeod. Branko Buljevic (No.11) is in the foreground. Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

FLETCHER SPARKS THE SLICKERS

Sydney C. 4 Newcastle 0

By TED SIMMONS

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 7, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Murray 8 (Fletcher 75th), Watson 8, Petkas 9, Borges 7, Kosmina 8, Carr 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Curran 7, H. Treddinick 8, Mason 6, Sneddon 7, Smyth 7, Dooley 6, McClelland 6 (Stamp 64th), Gemmell 7, D Jones 6, Love 7.

Scorers: Petkas 25m, 72m, Murray 56m, Fletcher 78 m. Referee: T. Davies 9. Crowd: 1,463 at Sydney Athletic Field.

The 4-0 scoreline to Sydney City was just the tonic the Slickers needed, but coach Eddie Thomson must still be worried.

He had five key players out of action, and the replacements never measured up to the 1981 championship side. In fact, it wasn't until substitute Graham Fletcher came on in the 75th minute that the team sparked into life.

Not that the Slickers had much opposition from Newcastle, which started City

keeper Todd Clarke only twice in the entire 90 minutes.

Jimmy Patikas and Willie Murray gave an early indication of the pressure to come when they sped through the Newcastle defence in the opening minutes, with Joe Watson lurking as usual on the line.

Patikas was in the goal area in the 25th minute to receive a high head from John Spanos which he nodded past Newcastle keeper Phil Dando.

That goal carried the Slickers through to half time, with Steve O'Connor and Kevin Mullen mopping up any forward feelers by the Newcastle attack.

The quietness of the second half was broken after 11 minutes when Murray exploded into action, ran 30 yards to round Trevor Smyth, draw Dando and sidefoot the ball into the empty net.

Newcastle was telegraphing its moves, and the Slickers' midfield had little trouble cutting out the passes.

Spanos had a good chance in the 27th minute but

charged the ball down but hesitated and looked for an off-side flag when he should have scored, and the ball was put out by Howard Treddinick.

Five minutes later Patikas collected his double after good lead-up work by Watson. The tricky winger sent Mullen down the line and the defender pulled the ball back into the path of the running Patikas.

Graham Fletcher replaced Murray and Sydney City suddenly started playing like defending champions.

Fletcher, who travels twice a week from Wollongong to train with the team, picked up a pass from Spanos, shot down the left, cut in and slammed the ball past Dando to score his first goal in his first game in the Phillips League.

He hit the bar nine minutes later and was in all the action for the 15 minutes he was on the field.

Defeat slumped Newcastle to equal last with Adelaide City and their standard of play in this match merited that position.

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Olympic rins Brisbane City apart

Syd. Olympic 5
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By ROGER DEWICK

At Pratten Park. Crowd: 6740.
Scorers: Koussas 15th, 69th & 88th mins; Katholos (12th min) Rowden (28th min).
Referee: P. Rampley 8.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 6, A. Scott 5, M. Rogers 6, J. Ziras 5, I. Rowden 6, G. Phillips 7, J. Redfern 8, P. Raskopoulos 7, M. Koussas 8, P. Katholos 8, G. Jennings 6.
BRISBANE CITY: K. Wishart 6, J. Dunne 6, J. McVeigh 4, D. Vincenzino 6, F. Liddell 4, B. Behan 4, F. Pimblett 6, B. Hamilton 4, W. Connors 7, J. Pellinas 4, P. Carey 4.

Substitutions: K. Wilson for Phillips (74th min), J. Carey for Pellinas (88th min).
Olympic's final tally of five goals is not a true reflection of their superiority and, on a conversion rate, is less than 25% of their chances.
Nevertheless it was a scintillating exhibition of open, attacking soccer, particularly in the first 30 minutes when they literally tore the Brisbane City defence to shreds.

In the 5th minute Olympic went one up but the goal had a touch of luck about it. From the left wing a Raskopoulos cross was deflected by a City defender to Redfern who nudged it onto the body of Wishart who could

only parry the ball away to Koussas who buried it from point-blank range.

Redfern was having a field day with his immaculate skills and distribution and ability to lose his marker and roam at will. Close behind him were Katholos and Koussas, both of whom distributed the ball with great accuracy.

City's defence was in total disarray and it was no surprise when Olympic increased its lead in the 12th minute.

A free kick was pushed to Katholos and he lashed the ball with awesome power into the top corner of the net. Koussas, Katholos, Redfern and Jennings all missed good chances for the rampaging Olympians before a diving header by Rowden converted a corner in the 28th minute to give them an impregnable lead.

After the interval Olympic took some time to regain their rhythm and for a short period City almost looked like a team capable of putting up a fight. At least Conner was prepared to put in a little effort but his work was to no avail as his inept colleagues fumbled and stumbled around in an apparent state of shellshock.

Koussas scored his second in the 64th minute after a rapid interchange of passes with Redfern who then had a goal disallowed in the 81st minute.

Three minutes later Koussas completed his hat trick as he ran over an immaculate Ken Wilson pass and drew Wishart out before slipping the ball home.

Olympic played most of the game at 100 kph which is perhaps the reason why they missed so many chances. If they temper their enthusiasm with a little more use of their grey matter the goals will come in torrents.

Three penalties, and Ollerton gets winner

Makedonia 2
Adelaide C 1

Scorers, Mak: Ollerton pen. 42nd & 85th; AC: J. Nykhus 35th.
Venue: Cornor Reserve. Crowd: 2500.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.
Cautions: Northcote, Clounders, Melts (AC), Cullen (Mak).

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — Petrovski 5, Fox 7, Todorovski linf, sub Ollerton 7, 25th, Beech 7 — Flavio 6, McMillan 8, Boyle 6 — Cullen 6, Ward 6, Brown 6.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENIUS: McNally 7 — Russell 9, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, B. Nykhus 8 — Melts 6, Marocchi 8, Dods 8 — Villani 6, Northcote 8, J. Nykhus 7.

Bobby Russell lived up to his reputation as 1981 Australian Player of the Year, but Adelaide City finally succumbed to the experience of Peter Ollerton after putting in a greater amount of fight than Makedonia.

Perhaps Makedonia would have done it more easily had Doug Brown not placed his early penalty — the first of three awarded in the game — too close to goalkeeper Willie McNally who saved it.

But then Adelaide City also had two glaring misses — both by Charlie Villani.

John Perin, in charge as coach for the first time since replacing Bob D'Ottavi mid-week, was generally happy with Adelaide City's performance. Indeed, the back four was solid, and Brian Northcote and Glen Dods fought tirelessly to drive their team forward.

Makedonia had an early setback when George Todorovski, back after injury and playing at centre back, aggravated that old injury and had to leave the ground after 25 minutes.

His presence meant that the previous stopper, George McMillan, started the match in midfield. He made quite an impact there, pushing up as an extra forward and playing some great first-time through balls.

But when Todorovski came off, McMillan had to return to the defence.

Player-coach Peter Ollerton, Todorovski's replacement, lived up to his nickname "Super sub" by scoring the winning goal only five minutes from the end.

Adelaide City had the first of the scoring chances.

Charlie Villani robbed Graham Fox of the ball but pushed it wide of the post with only goalkeeper Richard Wilson to beat.

The first of the three penalties was awarded to Makedonia by referee Chris Bambridge in the 22nd minute.

He pointed to the spot after Bobby Russell had brought down Gary Ward who was heading into the penalty area.

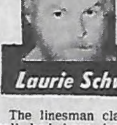
Doug Brown took the shot but placed it too close to goalkeeper Willie McNally who got down to save it.

Referee Bambridge pointed to the penalty spot again as Steve Beech fouled Adelaide City's forward John Nykhus in the 35th minute.

Nykhus took the shot himself and, unlike Brown, made no mistake to put his side into the lead.

The third penalty followed only seven minutes later and it was the most contentious of them all.

Laurie Schwab



The linesman claimed the ball had been handled by Bobby Russell but Adelaide City's coach John Perin said that the offence was committed by Russell but by Doug Brown.

Villani, who had missed a good scoring chance early in the game, missed again in the 70th minute when he found himself unmarked inside the penalty area.

With time running out it was Ollerton's experience that proved decisive for Makedonia.

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Foots JUST 2

Scorers: Simic, Kojic
Yellow cards: McAusland, Vasic
Referee: Ken Small 6
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LEICHHARDT A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 6, Skellern 5, McAusland 6, Pullen 7, Gray 7, Bradley 5, McBrown 6, Butler 6, Burrows 5, Saper 5, Giam-paolo 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Ciric 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 8, Kondarios 9, Miloj 7, Bolic 7, Ilioski 10, Kojic 9, Vasic 6, Simic 7.

Footscray JUST surprised the League leaders at Lambert Park by playing tough at the back, controlling the midfield and dangerous in attack to demolish APIA in front of some 4,000 vocal fans.

Led by their 23-year-old captain, Zoran Ilioski, Footscray never looked in danger of losing, allowing the home side to create only one opening during the entire game.

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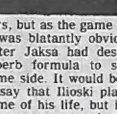
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Azzurri too strong for undermanned Polonia

State League champion Azzurri continued where it left off from last season by beating Polonia 2-0 in the opening round of the SA State League.

But Polonia was without five first team players who had accumulated suspensions during trial games.

The match was a replay of last year's aborted Federation Cup Final which was awarded to Azzurri when the Polonia team walked off after 35 minutes after two of its players had been sent off.

Stewart Blain and Wally Bojczuk goal for Azzurri, but Polonia officials were happy with their inexperienced line-up.

All suspended players will return to the team this week and most attention will fall

on Polish recruit Jan Kierno.

If Kierno is as good as some of Polonia's past Polish recruits (club officials insist he is), Polonia will press Azzurri for honors this year.

In other matches, Para Hills surprised with a 3-1 hammering over Noarlunga, Campbelltown edged out Croatia 2-1 while Elizabeth and Beograd shared the points in a 0-0 draw as did Port Adelaide and newly promoted West Torrens Birkalla in a 2-2 draw.

Azzurri 2 (Blair, Bojczuk), Polonia 0; Noarlunga 3 (Sullivan), Para Hills 5 (Mullen 2, Mitchell, Key); Campbelltown 2 (Mahoney, Edwards), Croatia 1 (Paleka); Elizabeth 0, Beograd 0; Birkalla 2 (Hayes, Craven), Port Adelaide 2 (Brunoli, J. Smith).



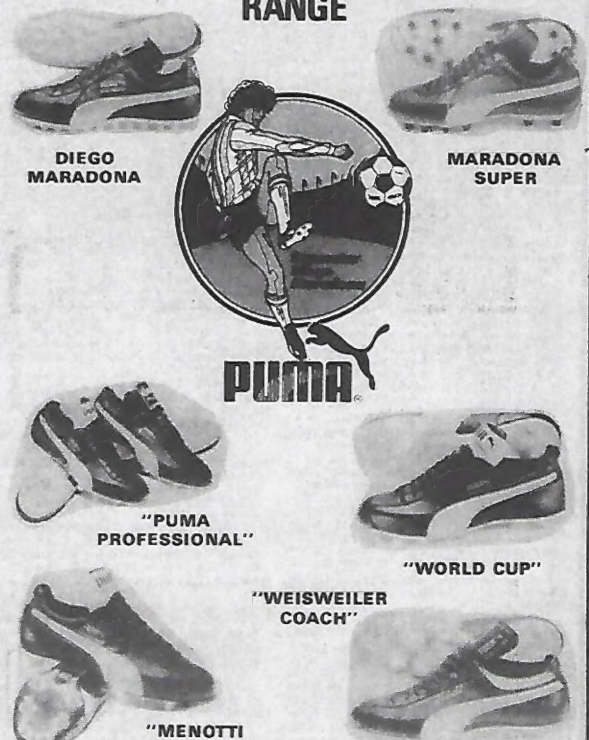
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Victorian stars to meet Watford

New State coach Tim White has picked a star-studded 22-man squad for Victoria's match against English Second Division club Watford at Olympic Park on May 20.

"I have chosen the best available players with a view to drawing a good crowd and beating Watford," White said.

He has abandoned the policy of former State coach Len McKendry who adhered to a set team for the three years of his

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Sunshine	2	2	0	8	3	6
Morwell	2	1	7	9	5	
Albion	1	2	9	7	4	
Polonia	2	0	2	7	4	
George Cross	2	0	2	8	3	4
Croydon	2	0	2	2	2	4
Northcote	1	0	3	12	2	
Wilhelmina	1	1	3	11	1	
Frankston	0	1	3	10	1	
Doveton	0	0	4	1	8	0



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CRAIG MACKENZIE	Draw	F'ton	Draw	Croatia	G. Cross	Ajax	Draw
BILL VOYTEK	Albion	F'ton	Draw	Croatia	G. Cross	Ajax	Polonia
LES SHORROCK	Albion	F'ton	Draw	Croatia	G. Cross	Ajax	Polonia

Sunshine goes into Sunday's big game against Juventus chockful of confidence according to joint coach Steve Gaw.

"We'll beat Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday because we're the best footballing side in State League," said Gaw.

Had Gaw watched Juventus against Croatia he would have been even more confident of success, if that were possible. I think that Gaw and Sunshine may have to settle for a draw against one of the best back lines in State League.

If not for Vince and Paddy Bannon, Harry Hird and Peter Donaldson's persistence, then Croatia could have run up a big scoreline on Sunday.

This week this defensive quartet faces up to Norrie Pate, John Mudrinic and Chris Taylor.

Hird probably will look after Mudrinic and I expect the Juventus left back to do well.

The battle between Donaldson and Pate could be close. Pate has good close ball skills and turns well. Donaldson will stick close and if he can contain the Sunshine striker he will have played a crucial role in setting up a result for the black and whites.

Vince Bannon was strangely loathe to overlap against Croatia. Indeed, without his surges down the right Juventus looked pretty inept going forward.

Sunshine's success this season has been based upon its discipline and organisation as a team unit, two features of soccer absent from Juventus's performance last weekend.

Surely Fabio Incantulupo and Graham French won't be starved of the ball the way they were against Croatia.

I expect Sunday's battle to be tight. I can't split these sides and I expect the points to be shared.

Hellas-Hakoah could come unstuck against Croatia at Middle Park.

Croatia undefeated in the league, is starting to put it together and team selection seems to have stabilised.

Josip Biskic was a minor revelation against Juventus. Jozo Antolovic did well but was put under pressure and Steve Kokoska's presence gave the defence an air of solidity lacking in recent times.

Antolovic's selection enabled Keith Adams to move up into midfield. The midfield trio — Biskic, Adams, and Jeff Faulkner — looks very mobile and skilful.

Antolovic can hold down his place as sweeper then Croatia looks like it is starting to mould a genuine title contender together.

Big Tom Patsakos hit the goal trail twice last week against struggling Northcote but facing up to state stopper Kokoska is a rather different proposition.

I expect Croatia to win.

Croydon Park hasn't been the happiest of hunting grounds for champion Ajax.

Inexperienced Graham Haupt has done well in recent weeks as sweeper for Croydon however he will face a stiff test trying to stop speedy Paul Lewis running through on to the end of the good work by big Gus Macleod and the creative Ajax midfield.

Then there's the Welsh international David Smallman to contend with. He scored twice last Sunday and although taken off due to injury should be fit for the Croydon Park clash.

Croydon's ace striker Ian Loughnane had a groin injury and was unable to play against Doveton last weekend but he too should be fully recovered in time for Sunday's clash.

Morwell Falcons can take a point from their trip to Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Tony van Baar's return from injury and Dave Perkin's switch into a right flanking midfielder's role gives Falcons much more attacking flair. Van Baar plays on the left side of Falcons' midfield quartet.

With Noel Mitten and Richie McClellie up front and the tireless, creative John O'Callaghan in centre midfield, suddenly Falcons aren't as bad off as we all thought they were at the start of the season.

Ken Smart is starting to really hit his straps for Albion these days. John O'Callaghan's creative play-coach Dave O'Connor will be hoping that Sandy Irvine recovers from injury in time for Saturday's game.

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WILHELMINA 2 (Gibson, Thom) ALBION ROVERS 2 (Spiteri, Smart)

WILHELMINA: Barclay 7 - Pasmann 7, McDermott 6, Luyten 6, Strausz 5 - Tront 6, O'Reilly 6, Gibson 5 - Stewart 7, Heywood 8, Thom 5.
ALBION: Looock 6 - Currier 8, Creany 7 (sent off 55th), Nisbet 7, A. McMillan 7 - Spiteri 6 (L. Murphy 80th), Reilly 7, Ferris 8 - Coyle 6 (S. McMillan 75th), D'Sylva 6, Smart 8.

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George Cross must beat Northcote at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday or else face a season of obscurity in the lower reaches of the league.

The Cross should win, especially if Carl Gilder can be signed from Croatia to play as target man with Bobby Toal working off him.

Northcote was talking about buying five new players this week. That's about how many are needed to turn the North-erners into a decent outfit.

Doveton still searches for its first point of the season. It faces up to visitor Polonia at Waratah Reserve on Sunday and must grab at least a point.

I'll stick with the Doves for one last week. If they can't draw with Polonia then the panic button will have to be hit and somehow the club must come up with enough money to sign a class striker. Otherwise the club will be wondering how it can offload its temporary residents next year when it's in First Division.

Please beat Wilhelmina at Centenary Park and take me to the top of "Soccer Action's" tipsters' poll."

That's my plea to home side Frankston for Saturday's game.

Don't get me wrong, I've got nothing against Mike de Bruyckere's side. It's just that there's a bit of money riding on the winner of our poll and I'd like those few dollars to travel in my direction.

I hope Joe Tront has an absolutely hopeless game. So too with Dave Heywood and Dave Gibson. And if a couple of defensive lapses can creep into the Wilhelmina back four I'll be thoroughly delighted.

Creany sent off!

At that stage — was 2-1 down but the 10 blue-shirted Rovers fought tooth and nail and Tom McDermott's mistake later in the half enabled Albion to grab a point. Billy de Graaf was on the bench for Wilhelmina and David Brooks still is trying to overcome a hamstring injury. Brooks is undergoing acupuncture treatment.

Within 25 minutes Wilhelmina had taken a two goal lead.

Don Pasmann's free kick into the Albion area in the 8th minute wasn't cleared effectively. The ball fell to Dave Gibson who hit home a lot shot into the corner of goal from about 10 metres.

Good work by Tront in the 25th minute

allowed Thom to run on to the ball and from 20 metres let fly with a powerful drive which flew into the far corner.

Just before half time John Luyten's miscalculation set up Charlie Spiteri who hammered the ball past Ken Barclay.

McDermott appeared to be concussed after a second half clash and he headed the ball into the path of Ken Smart whose well placed shot gave Albion a draw.

Albion brought on a new signing from Sunbury, striker Steve McMillan with 15 minutes to go.

Another new Albion signing, Lars Murphy from Heidelberg United, got a run in the last 10 minutes.

Croatia's Gilder to join Cross?

AJAX 3 (Smallman 2, Macleod pen) GEORGE CROSS 0.

AJAX: Denny 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 6, Connell 6, G. Bennett 7 - Vassallo 7, A. Bennett 7, Williams 7 - Macleod 7, Smallman 7 (Inj. Hughes 75th), Paul Lewis 7.

GEORGE CROSS: Tachiris 8 - Morgan 6, Maitland 6, Lawson 7, McKinlay 6 - T. Vella 5, McCann 6, Rhye 6 - Gambin 5, Toal 7, Mazi 5.

George Cross was set to put in a bid for Croatia striker Carl Gilder as we went to press.

It is believed that Cross will offer \$10,000 for the former Victorian forward. If so, Croatia will accept the offer and Gilder will play for Cross this weekend.

"Rocky" Tachiris didn't cost George Cross a penny when he joined two weeks ago from Northcote and last Sunday against arch rival Ajax young Tachiris was in great touch. Four times in the second half he confronted quicksilver Ajax striker Paul Lewis and won every time.

Ajax however ran out a convincing winner and certainly proved to be the better team unit in this Maltese derby.

Ajax midfielder Alan Bennett chipped the ball over a square Cross defence in the 30th minute and former Welsh international David Smallman just beat Tachiris in the race and tapped the ball under the keeper's body to give Ajax the lead.

Nine minutes later Damien Morgan crashed into Gus Macleod just as the Ajax striker prepared to head the ball. Referee Yelland awarded a penalty. Macleod strode up and kicked in away but Yelland ruled that three Ajax players had encroached inside the area. He booked Jim Williams, Smallman and Paul Lewis and made Macleod take the kick again. The result was the same. Macleod scored to give Ajax a 2-0 lead.

The second half proved to be a one horse race and the scoreline was completed when a Williams corner was contested by a pack of players including Tachiris who palmed down but Smallman, almost on the line, was there to slam the ball home.

Watters to Shiners

SUNSHINE 2 (Gonsalves o.g., McNaully) FRANKSTON 0.

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 - Mussel 6, Gramsberger 7, Lowe 7, Ellis 7 - Bain 6, Nelson 6, McNaully 7 - Muchinic 6 (McRobert 75th), Pato 6, Taylor 6.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 - Whiteside 7, Driscoll 6, Stewart 5, Pys 6 - Golby 7, Gonsalves 7, Tait 6, Mitchell 5 - Buchanan 6 (Inj. Burroughs 60th), Delavien 6.

Sunshine signed Altona midfielder George Watters last week.

David Nelson, brother of midfielder Rob, rejoined the Shiners when he flew in from the U.K. on Saturday. He played with Watters in Sunday's reserve game against Frankston and both scored.

In about five weeks time there'll be three Nelsons at Sunshine when 21 year old Stuart arrived from Scotland.

And Carl Holford arrived at last. Well, we think he arrived. The club told "Soccer Action" that he arrived last Monday. We were unable to verify the story with Frankston or Holford as we went to press.

Although not undeserved it took a stroke of luck to open Sunshine's account on Sunday. John Mudrinic shot against the post in the 8th minute and the ball rebounded on to the knee of the incoming Carlos Gonsalves and went in.

The Shiners stretched their lead in the 58th minute when John McNaully cut in from the left, beat two opponents then tucked away a right foot shot from about 12 metres.

Kevia Burroughs came on for the injured Bill Buchanan and missed twice from the one good chance. Burroughs' first attempt to shoot was a miscalculation. He spun around and the ball was still in front of him so he shot a second time but blasted over.

The Frankston camp wasn't too thrilled by a refereeing decision later in the second half. Gonsalves volleyed the ball which appeared to hit the back stanchion and bounce back out. Referee Venios waved play on.

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FRONT ROW: Stan Webster (ex-Hakoah), Peter Abram (Hellas juniors), Roberto Traffianta (Hellas juniors), Jimmy Wilson (ex-Hakoah), Lou Tsigris (ex-Hellas), Tony Owen (Hellas juniors).

Hellas-Hakoah was born through amalgamation earlier this year of two traditional glants of Victorian soccer — South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah. The merger was prompted by Hakoah's increasing financial burden and inability to win the support of Melbourne's large Jewish business community. Hakoah negotiated with a number of clubs last year over the possibility of sharing its Middle Park ground and it was co-tenant Hellas which was chosen. Amid much conjecture that Hellas-Hakoah soon would become a totally Greek sponsored club that amazing identity, Kurt Defrie, continues as secretary-manager of a club he has administered for well over 40 years. Some of the top junior prospects at Hellas now have a chance to establish themselves in State League before fighting their way into PSL competition with sister club South Melbourne Hellas.



From DAVID FINCH

NEW YORK — Professional soccer in the United States faces a critical season this year following the collapse of one-third of the teams in the North American Soccer League.

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Beckenbauer is finished, Ardiles goes back home

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Franz Beckenbauer has left hospital after recovering from a kidney operation.

Beckenbauer, who captained West Germany when he beat the Netherlands in the 1974 World Cup final, was injured playing for Hamburg against Stuttgart. He was in hospital for 10 days.

The 36-year-old sweeper plans to resume training early next month but does not expect to play again in the Bundesliga. "It isn't to be," he said.

Beckenbauer, capped a record 103 times for West Germany, had hoped to return to the national side for the World Cup finals in Spain.

But a spate of injuries have marred the final season in a career in which he led Bayern Munich and West Germany to world and European titles before moving to New York Cosmos.

He will have a testimonial match in Hamburg on June 1 before embarking on a job with a mass circulation newspaper during the World Cup finals.

Osvaldo Ardiles, Spurs' Argentine midfielder star, flew back home almost immediately after the Cup-holder had beaten Leicester City and reached the final of the F.A. Cup for the second year running. Ossie, as he is better known, left as pre-arranged some time ago to join Cesar Menotti's World Cup squads in preparation for its defence of the title in Spain.

It was originally hoped that Ardiles would be allowed back for Tottenham's F.A. Cup final against Queens Park Rangers at Wembley on May 22, but now, in view of the position between Britain and Argentina, it could be that the little midfielder matter will never do a Spurs shirt again which, to say the least, is a big loss to Spurs and to British soccer.

Ardiles, who has over 50 international caps for Argentina, joined Spurs in August 1978 and had played over 180 games for them. He was accompanied on his way home by his wife Sylvia and their son Federico, 3, after having left their Hertfordshire home and wide circle of friends with a heavy heart.

Steve Perryman, the Spurs skipper, said "he's a smashing little fellow and a great player".

"Ossie has been a shining example to every footballer who plays abroad". He joined Spurs from Cordoba.

Asa Hartford, the Scotland World Cup skipper, has come under fire by his club manager John Bond of Manchester City. Bond, highly critical of Hartford's displays over the past couple of months, says: "Frankly I don't see how Jock Stein can pick him".

Hull City players Nicky Deacy and Mickey Horswill have joined Hong Kong side Happy Valley on free transfers. Hull is in the hands of the receiver.

Chelsea's financial worries have now the club has been sold to millionaire Keith Bates who has become a director of the club and is tipped to take over from Viscount Chelsea as chairman in the foreseeable future. Chelsea is \$3 million in the red, mostly due to payments for its new stand but Ken Bates, who was previously associated with fourth division Wigan Athletic, has arranged substantial sums to ensure the club's future.

David Fairclough, 25, the Liverpool super sub for the past two seasons, who has been out of contention, is the latest player to join Bob Houghton's star-studded Toronto Blizzard for \$300,000.

Derek Parkin, the long-serving Wolves defender who toured Australia with the Midlands side in the early 70's, is to be freed at the end of this season in lieu of service. Parkin has played over 300 first team games for Wolves but is presently out of the team.

Over 50 foreign players have been imported into English soccer in the past few years at a total cost of around \$10 million. But nearly half of the 50 have not fitted in and returned to other clubs in Europe.

Allan Simonsen, the 29-year-old Danish international and former European Footballer of the year, may opt to play in England next season. Simonsen's three-year contract with Barcelona is up at the end of this season and he has expressed a desire to join any interested first division club.

Former England striker Mick Channon has passed his 50th appearance for Southampton. Trevor Brooking the West Ham and England midfielder, now 34, is almost certain to quit playing after the World Cup. Wolves have given a free transfer to their Uruguayan midfielder Rafael Villazan. Kevin Hector, the Derby County striker, has passed the club's all-time record appearances of Jack Perry established 16 years ago of 483 games. Bobby Livingston resigned as manager of Scottish club Montrose with the axe hovering over his head.

The F.A.s of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland are adamant that despite the Britain/Argentine rift and rumours there is absolutely no question of any of the three withdrawing from the World Cup. And Harry Caven, senior vice-president of FIFA, who is also president of Northern Ireland F.A., says that the expulsion of Argentina or any other nation is extremely unlikely.

Craig Johnston, back in the Liverpool side, got a valuable three points with his goal at Old Trafford against Manchester United which makes the Merseysiders favourites for their 13th league

SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

One-third of U.S. league collapses, TV out

• A slight but unexpected decline in attendance
• Poor television ratings
• The failure of the U.S. national team to reach the World Cup finals

As a result, the NASL opened its 16th season with only 14 teams, down from 21 last year and a high of 24 the year before, making a mockery of Commissioner Phil Woosnam's boast that "soccer is the game of the 80's".

Gone is the last of the original founder clubs, the Dallas Tornadoes, which shut up shop along with the Atlanta Chiefs, Calgary Boomers, California Surf, Los Angeles Aztecs, Minnesota Kicks and Washington Diplomats.

With clubs losing a total of about 30 million U.S. (\$2.2 million Aust) dollars last year, the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) network ending its agreement to televise games, and costs rising while attendance was slipping, the seven owners took the view it was time to throw away good money after bad and cut their losses.

But the ever-confident Woosnam rejects any comparison with the 1969 season, when the league shrank to five clubs in another fit of pique. He insists that in fact the loss of the seven clubs will prove to be "a very positive step for the league".

The expatriate Welshman argues that two critical factors for the NASL are average attendance and television ratings, and that an increase in the former will assist the latter.

"We believe the average attendance will increase this year because the mainly low attendance clubs will not be operating," Woosnam said in an interview. Woosnam conceded that average attendance declined last season, but noted it still remained above 14,000 for the fourth consecutive year. For this year, with the league leaner but the clubs stronger, he said he was looking for a 25 per cent increase to 17,000 — and that was only the beginning.

"I believe that by the end of the 1980s we'll be experiencing the kind of boom at the professional level that the National Football League experienced in the 1960s," Woosnam said. "I believe average attendance will be 30,000 to 40,000."

This would give the NASL valuable ammunition in its hunt for a lucrative network television contract. ABC television has carried selected NASL games in the past few seasons, but has dropped its option as the ratings — like those for ice hockey, golf, tennis and many other sports — have been below those for so-called "junk sports" such as superstars competitions and the world belly flop championships.

Woosnam reported that coverage of soccer games by cable and non-network television stations "got good ratings on a local basis," and these would continue.

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ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΣΕ ΚΑΛΗ ΜΕΡΑ Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ

Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ παίζοντας καλό ποδόσφαιρο έκτός έδρας με το Μόρινγκτον νίκησε δι-
καια την τοπική ομάδα με 4-1.

Η ελληνική ομάδα αν και δέχθηκε πρώτη τέρμα στην συνέχεια ισοφάρισε με τον Κο-
τζαμικήλη και με την έναρξη του β' ημι-
ρόνου προηγήθηκε με τον Γκέσιο.

Στην συνέχεια η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπου-
ρν πήρε την υπεροχή και σε ανατροπή του
Σταυρίδη κέρδισε πέναλτυ που έφτιαξε σε
γκόλ ο Πήτερσον για να κλείσει το σκόρ
δ Κωστόπουλος με 4-1.

Από την νίκη τρία δέν υστέρησε κανένας
και έπαιξαν οι: Καραμούζης, Χατζηπαναγιώ-
του, Χαμινιώτης, Κοτζαμικήλης, Δοθίκας, Πήτε-
ρσον, Κωστόπουλος, Γκέσιος, Σταυρίδης, Λαζα-
ρίδης και Παλατιδής.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Ο Ποδοσφαιρικός Σύλλογος Α.Ε. Ποντίων
διοργανώνει μεγάλο χορό στο πολυτελές
Καθ το Δημαρχείο του Ρίτσμοντ το Σάβ-
βατο 22 του Μην 1982 και από ώρα 7.30
μ.μ. θα υπάρχει Ποντιακή λύρα και τό-
συγκροτήματα "Αρίωνες". Θα χορέψει δε και
Ποντιακό συγκρότημα.

Τιμή εισιτηρίου μετά φαγητού, μπίρας, άνα-
ψυκτικών : 15.00 δολάρια.

ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΓΗΠΕΔΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΝΣΕΡΠΑΙΚΟΥ

Μετά από θετικές προσπάθειες του Δ. Συμ-
βουλίου του Πανσερραϊκού, ο σύλλογος ά-
πέκτησε καινούριο γήπεδο που βρίσκεται
στο Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν και παραπλεύρως του
γηπέδου της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ.

ΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑΣ

Οι Παλαιμάχοι της Κλαρίντας νίκησαν με
7-1 την αντίστοιχη ομάδα του Σπρίνγκβέιλ.

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΤΡΟΜΕΡΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΕΒΑΤΕ ΤΟ
ΡΗΤΖΕΝΤ ΜΕ 8-0

Η πρωτοπόρος του πρωταθλήματος της Β'
κατηγορίας του Προβίτζιοναλ Δόξα Γιάρρα-
βα, συνεχίζοντας τις επιτυχίες της διέ-
λυσε εκτός έδρας το Ρήτζεντ με 8-0.

Πρίν να αναφερθούμε στην συνάντηση θα
θέλαμε να γράψουμε το πρωτοφανές γεγο-
νός που έγινε με τον διαιτητή κ. GOULIN
ELLIS.

Συγκεκριμένα ο ρεφερέ ήταν άριστος σε
όλη την διάρκεια του αγώνα και πήρε άρι-
στα για την διαιτησία του (10) πλην ό-
μως πώς μετά την συνάντηση... δόκινσε
την Δόξα αφού δήλωσε στην Ποδοσφαιρική
Όμοσπονδία ότι το σκόρ ήταν 7-0 αντί
για 8-0.

Τόσο στο 3ΕΑ όσο και στις εφημερίδες
το σκόρ γράφτηκε 7-0 και άπορεί κανείς
με την αστεία αυτή υπόθεση και άναρω-
τείται αν το ποδόσφαιρο μπορεί να πάει
έτσι μπροστά.

Φυσικά τά τέρματα ήταν πολλά και όπω-
σδήποτε ο κ.ELLIS τά υπέρεψε αλλά θα
θέλαμε να ξέρουμε σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις
τί κάνει η Όμοσπονδία; Καί ποιάς γίνε-
ται πιστευτός; Η άδίκημένη ομάδα η δ
διαιτητής;

Έβλεψα και έπειδή παρακολούθησα την
συνάντηση θα αναφέρουμε την σειρά των
τερμάτων και μάλιστα με τά λεπτά που ση-
μειώθηκαν.

Στο Α' 25λεπτο το Ρήτζεντ έπαιξε δυνατά
χωρίς όμως να απειλήσει την ελληνική δ
μάδα που έχασε δύο καλές ευκαιρίες.

Στο 26' ο Κ. Αποστολίδης απέκρουσε θαμα-
τικά δυνατό σουτ των γηπεδούχων που
ήταν και το μοναδικό της συνάντησης.
Έτην συνέχεια η Δόξα άρχισε τον χορό
των τερμάτων.

Στο 27' ο Νίκος Μελέτης άνοιξε το σκόρ
και στο 35' ο Νικολαΐδης άπό κοντά έφτια-
ξε το 2-0.

Στο 45' και σε ανατροπή του Μελέτη η Δό-
ξα κέρδισε πέναλτυ.

Τό κτύπησε ο Τερζάκης και έκλεισε το Α'
μέρος με 3-0 για την ελληνική ομάδα.

Στο 55' ο Νικολαΐδης με τρομερό φούλ έ-
ξω άπό την περιοχή και πλάγια έγραψε το
4-0 και στο 62' ο Πετρίδης άπό κοντά
πάσασε κάνοντας το σκόρ 5-0.

Τό 6-0 έγινε στο 73' με τον Μελέτη ο δ-
ποιος στο 84' παίρνοντας την μπάλλα μέσα
στην περιοχή δέν δυσκολεύθηκε να πετύ-
χει το 7-0.

Έλος στο 90' πάλι ο Μελέτης άφου πέρα-
σε δύο αντιπάλους έκλεισε το σκόρ 8-0.
Άπό την ομάδα της Δόξας δέν υστέρησε
κανένας.

Έπαιξαν οι: Κ. Αποστολίδης (75' Γκιιάτας)
Τ. Αθανασίου, Ντέν, Αποστολίδης, Δημητρί-
ου, Τερζάκης, Καλλιπολίτης (60' Ήραπάκης)
Νικολαΐδης, Πετρίδης, Χύτας, Παπαχριστοδού-
λου και Κ. Μελέτης.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 2-1 και με τέρματα
του Άντρέα Μαρκάκη.

ΜΕΤΑΞΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΩΛΗ

Περίφημο το ΄Ωκλη μέσα στο γήπεδό του
πήρε δίκαια νίκη 3-0 επί του ΄Εσσετον.
Η κυανόλευκος που έκανε το καλύτερο φε-
τινέ της παιχνιδι έκανοποίησε τους φίλα
θλους της.

΄Ισως η άλλαγή αυτή να όφειλεται και
στο ότι μπήκε στην ένδεκάδα ο Στεργίου
που έδωσε άλλη μορφή στην επιθετική γρα-
μμή.

Τό Α' μέρος έληξε ισόπαλο 0-0 αλλά στην
συνέχεια ο ΄Πετςής (50') άνοιξε το σκόρ
για να τό διπλασιάσει ο Στεργίου στο 65
Πέντε λεπτά πρό της λήξης ο Κοντοκώστας
έφτιαξε το τελικό 3-0.

Δέν υστέρησε κανένας άλλς έχωρίσαν οι
Κοντοκώστας, ΄Πετςής και Μπατικιδότο.

Έπαιξαν οι Πέτρου, Λουκάς, Μπατικιδότο,
Κριβάρης, Πεχλιβανίδης, Κοντοκώστας, Στογι-
άννου, Γ. Καμπυλάνης, Νταντίλας (70' ΄Πατα-
σιός) ΄Πετςής, Στεργίου (67' Β. Καμπυλάνης).
Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 2-0 και με τέρματα
των Παπαγεωργίου και Κριτσιλίδης.

ΤΟ ΝΑΛΣΕΡΝ ΠΗΡΕ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΩΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΙΚΗ

Έκτός έδρας το Μάλβερν νίκησε το Μπέ-
ρικ με 2-0 και όπως φαίνεται άρχισε να
βρίσκει τον παλιό καλό έαυτό του.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ήταν άνώτερη σε όλο
το διάστημα της συνάντησης και έχασε
πολλές ευκαιρίες.

Τά γκόλ πέτυχαν οι Σκαμάγκας και Πετρό-
πουλος που ήταν και ο καλύτερος παίκτης
της συνάντησης.

Η σύνθεση: Μοκέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Πολαμάρας
Λιαράκος, Σαματζής, Ροθύμος, Ν. Παλαμάρας,
Τωμός (46' Λιόλιος), Λιχόδης, Πετρόπουλος
και Σκαμάγκας.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-1 (Λιόλιος 2 και Χα-
λδορίτης).

Οι Ιζρήδες του Μάλβερν νίκησαν το Χαύ
Πόντ με 4-3 και με σκόρερς τούς Ντάλλα
2, Μορτόσι και Μπάρν.

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑΣ

Περίφημη η Κλαρίντα πέτυχε μιά ακόμη με-
γάλη νίκη επί του Κένυετον με 6-1.

Στο Α' μέρος το αποτέλεσμα ήταν ισόπαλο
1-1 αλλά στην επανάληψη η ελληνική όμά-
δα παίζοντας ώραίο ποδόσφαιρο και παρά
το ότι άγωνιζόταν με 10 παίκτες άπό τό
50' λόγω αποβολής του Κουβαρά, κατόρθωσε
να πετύχει πέντε τέρματα.

Εκδέρρε οι Καλέντα 2, Μ. Καμπαρυντίνας, Το-
παλίδης, Κ. Κόφος και Τοπαλίδης.
Καλύτερος του αγώνα ήταν ο Τοπαλίδης και
τόνάλοουθησαν οι Κοζιάρης, Κόφος, Πολύζος
Έπαιξαν οι Κασίμης, Πολύζος, Αποστολ-
πουλος, Μ. και Τ. Καμπαρυντίνας, Π. Κόφος,
Κ. Κόφος, Τσοπόπουλος, Καλέντα, Τοπαλίδης, Μή-
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